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1 — That sinking feeling: Why Louisiana's coastal crisis is the worst in the U.S., New Orleans Times Picayune, 4/19/2017

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No other part of the coastal United States is sinking as fast as Louisiana, according to an updated assessment of sea level rise by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The state's coast is going under at a rate of about an inch every three years -- almost three feet over a century.

2 — More wetland projects, shoreline protection sought in Louisiana coastal plan, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 4/18/2017

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/04/louisiana_coastal_master_plan_comments.html#incart_most_sh
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More than 1,300 comments on Louisiana's proposed 2017 master plan update for coastal restoration and hurricane protection were submitted by the public to the state Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, which is scheduled to vote on the master plan Wednesday (April 19).

3 — At former Superfund site, Slidell breaks ground for Heritage Park marina, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 4/17/2017

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/04/slidell_breaks_ground_on_long-.html

Ground was finally broken Tuesday (April 18) -- ceremoniously, at least -- for a \$2.6 million, years-in-the-making marina on Bayou Bonfouca at Slidell's Heritage Park. Mayor Freddy Drennan and other officials, including one from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, grabbed golden shovels and turned over some dirt to mark the start of construction at the location -- part of which was a federal Superfund cleanup site in the 1990s.

4 — Fallin signs bill to end tax credit for wind energy, Tulsa World, 4/19/2017

http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/fallin-signs-bill-to-end-tax-credit-for-wind-energy/article_8ba8c4e5-211c-5ecf-b362-6a50e05f0032.html

Gov. Mary Fallin on Monday signed a measure to speed up the elimination of a tax credit that goes to the wind industry. House Bill 2298, by Speaker Charles McCall, R-Atoka, and Senate Pro Tem Mike Schulz, R-Altus, sets the expiration date at July 1 rather than allowing it to continue until 2021.

5 — Enel starts construction of Red Dirt wind project in Oklahoma, The Oklahoman, 4/19/17

<http://newsok.com/enel-starts-construction-of-red-dirt-wind-project-in-oklahoma/article/5545997>

Enel Green Power North America Inc. said Tuesday it had started construction on the Red Dirt wind farm in Kingfisher and Logan counties, the company's ninth project in Oklahoma. The Red Dirt project will be Enel's largest in Oklahoma, bringing its total wind capacity in the state to more than 1,430 megawatts.

6 — Legislator says Texas should wrangle floods to ease droughts, San Antonio Express-News, 4/18/2017

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/San-Antonio-legislator-says-Texas-should-wrangle-11082139.php>

A state legislator from San Antonio has a plan to solve some of Texas' water woes by capturing the floodwaters that occasionally inundate the state and stopping the evaporation that robs reservoirs of water.

7 — Mississippi River rises above 11 feet at New Orleans, triggers levee inspections, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 4/18/17

<http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/04/river-rises-above-11-feet-at-n.html#incart-most-shared-environment>

The Mississippi River was at 11.63 feet at 5 p.m. Tuesday (April 18) at the Carrollton Gauge in New Orleans, triggering the first phase of Army Corps of Engineers "flood fight" rules: increased inspections and restrictions on work on and near levees.

8 — EPA considers repealing two Obama air pollution rules, The Hill, 4/18/17

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/329409-epa-considers-repealing-two-obama-air-pollution-rules>

The Trump administration is considering whether to repeal or revise two major Obama administration regulations limiting air pollution from large sources.

9 — Eddy County boasts cleaner air in new report, Carlsbad (NM) Current-Argus, 4/18/17

<http://www.currentargus.com/story/news/local/2017/04/19/eddy-county-boasts-cleaner-air-new-report/100615476/>

Pearland City Council is taking action against the Blue Ridge Landfill in neighboring Fort Bend County in an attempt to alleviate the odors that periodically waft over homes and businesses in Shadow Creek Ranch. At its April 10 meeting, council members approved a resolution to petition the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to immediately suspend the operating permit for Blue Ridge Landfill.

10 — Sales go Kaput: Wild hog poison halted due to concerns for Louisiana black bears, Baton Rouge Advocate, 4/18/17

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/article_c763d8b2-24ff-11e7-b6ec-c77e37856176.html

The Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner has suspended the eventual sale of poison designed to curb the wild hog population due to concerns over its effect on the Louisiana Black Bear.

11 — Construction begins on segment of New Mexico power line, Albuquerque Journal, 4/18/17

<https://www.abqjournal.com/989471/construction-begins-on-400m-new-mexico-texas-power-line.html>

Xcel Energy has started construction in New Mexico on a 345-kilovolt transmission line meant to hook up with electric distribution operations in Texas.